Five years ago, we announced that Circulation Research would be increasing the limit for regular Original Contributions to 7000 words. The goal of this change was to facilitate publication of in-depth, comprehensive investigations and to enable authors to describe in detail the methods and techniques used in their study, in accordance with the principles set forth in our original guiding manifesto.

As hoped, we received an enthusiastic response from authors; therefore, it is in that spirit that we are pleased to announce a further increase in the word limit for regular Original Contributions to 8000 words. The purpose of this new increase is to help authors in 2 ways: (1) by giving authors space to publish a full, comprehensive Methods section within the article, we wish to reduce the need to relegate Methods to an online supplement or a citation to previous work; and (2) by lessening the need for authors to pay for extra print pages, we wish to reduce the overall cost of production. (As before, if the authors find that their article cannot be compressed to fit the new 8000 word limit, which includes all sections of the article, such as references and figure legends, they will still have the option of publishing online only or paying for extra print pages.)

As always, we encourage authors to think of their readers when drafting articles under this relaxed word limit and strive for comprehensiveness without exhaustion and detail without excessive minutiae. A good research article should be both an in-depth resource and a pleasure to read. We hope that loosening this constraint will facilitate both aims.

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